

THE REAL ENEMIES.

It is surely a case of brazen effrontery for the Tory press to launch out into a vicious attack upon Sir Wilfrid Laurier's loyalty at the moment when Sir Robert Borden has taken into his Cabinet another of the fire-eating Nationalist orators, who went up and down the Province of Quebec in 1910 and in 1911, when the Bourassa-Borden Alliance was consummated, making incendiary anti-British speeches and denouncing the giving of aid to the Mother Country in any shape or form. Sir Wilfrid Laurier has played his part as a true patriot from the beginning of the war down to this present moment, and, while the attacks, which certain of the baser and more unscrupulous organs of the Government are making upon him—with the material provided by the Government Press Bureau—may tickle the ears of the groundlings and please the partisans and patronage mongers, they will be disgusting to all decent Canadians, Conservatives as well as Liberals.

Even the pro-German trouble in Kitchener, Ontario, which has been made possible simply because the Government played politics with a dangerous situation, and declined to take action against the aliens who were fomenting disaffection and treason, for fear of losing votes, has been seized upon as the ground for an attack upon Sir Wilfrid and the Liberal Party generally. It is shocking that such exhibitions of gross partisanship should be tolerated anywhere in a British country at this critical hour. And yet this is the kind of "National Service" which is being rendered, we fear, not only with the countenance, but by the direct inspiration of the Government or of certain of its members!

The men who are trying to arouse prejudices and create disunion by attacking the loyalty of the Liberal leader and the Liberal Party are rendering the greatest possible disservice to Canada, to the Empire, and to the Allied cause. They are the real and most dangerous "enemies within our gates."